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Statement from Councilmember Williams Regarding the Recent City Attorney's Report

SAN JOSE- Note: The San Jose City Attorney came to the conclusion that Councilmember Forrest Williams did not violate the Brown Act as recently asserted by James Chadwick and the media. Councilmember Williams will be available for comment for credentialed members of the media this afternoon from 4:30pm to 5:00pm in the City Hall 18th floor conference room.

Statement from Councilmember Forrest Williams:

City Attorney Rick Doyle's announcement today at the Rules and Open Government Committee meeting confirms that despite recent allegations, Councilmember Nguyen and I did not violate the Brown Act.

Councilmember Madison Nguyen and I never held undisclosed meetings to discuss the naming of the business district until the City Council Meeting on November 20, 2007. Rather, in passing, I simply stated that I supported her quest for a business district in her council district. At the time of this brief exchange, the idea of a name was never mentioned or discussed between Councilmember Nguyen and myself. Furthermore, my vote to support any name of this business district was never promised to Councilmember Nguyen. Business districts bring economic incentives and encourage growth not only for each individual council district, but also for the City of San Jose and this is what I support.

I regret any misunderstanding or confusion that this situation has generated but I am pleased that the record has been set straight.

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